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Art Unit 3621

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/641,394; Filed: August 18, 2000
For: **A Method, System and Computer Program Product for Valuating
Natural Gas Contracts Using Weather-Based Metrics**
Inventors: Machado Jr., *et al.*
Our Ref: 1481.0240000/MAM/TAD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
3. Forms PTO-1449 (13 pages) with 76 accompanying documents;
4. Return postcard; and
5. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ 180.00 to cover Information Disclosure fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

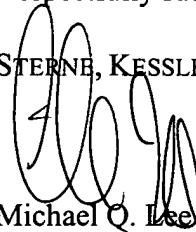
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Respectfully submitted,

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$180.00)**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)** Check Credit card Money Order Other** None Deposit Account
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE****Large Entity Small Entity**

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
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SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Multiple Dependent	140.00	= 0

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Application Number	09/641,394
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First Named Inventor	Robert C. Machado, Jr.
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES**Large Entity Small Entity**

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1502	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180.00
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1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

0001. Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d). Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

0002. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA), OR within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application, OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits OR before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No statement or fee is required.

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☐ a. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1). I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

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0006. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents appears below:

Document AL1 (JP 1-236396) appears to describe a method for collecting data for a sales management system. A copy of the English abstract of document AL1 is enclosed as document AT9.

Document AM1 (JP 1-259488) appears to describe a system for forecasting a commodity sales number. A copy of the English abstract of document AM1 is enclosed as document AR10.

Document AN1 (JP 2-268396) appears to describe a commodity ordering quantity determining device. A copy of the English abstract of document AN1 is enclosed as document AS10.

Document AO1 (JP 2-299059) appears to describe an ordering prediction system. A copy of the English abstract of document AO1 is enclosed as document AT10.

Document AP1 (JP 4-77896) appears to describe a sales controller. A copy of the English abstract of document AP1 is enclosed as document AR11.

Document AL2 (JP 4-135271) appears to describe a merchandise ordering determination device. A copy of the English abstract of document AL2 is enclosed as document AS11.

Document AM2 (JP 4-353970) appears to describe a system for predicting optimum stocking. A copy of the English abstract of document AM2 is enclosed as document AT11.

Document AN2 (JP 5-189406) appears to describe a customer number/sales estimating device using fuzzy inference. A copy of the English abstract of document AN2 is enclosed as document AR12.

Document AO2 (JP 6-76161) appears to describe a device for processing merchandise sales data. A copy of the English abstract of document AO2 is enclosed as document AS12.

Document AP2 (JP 6-149833) appears to describe a device for commodity ordering. A copy of the English abstract of document AP2 is enclosed as document AT12.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA1	3,808,410	04/1974	Schlesinger	235	156	
	AB1	4,015,366	04/1977	Hall, III	47	1	
	AC1	4,040,629	08/1977	Kelly	273	278	
	AD1	4,218,755	08/1980	Root	364	900	
	AE1	4,766,539	08/1988	Fox	364	401	SEP 29 2003
	AF1	4,784,150	11/1988	Voorhies et al.	128	504	
	AG1	5,063,506	11/1991	Brockwell et al.	364	402	
	AH1	5,128,861	07/1992	Kagami et al.	364	403	
	AI1	5,128,862	07/1992	Mueller	364	405	
	AJ1	5,130,925	07/1992	Janes et al.	364	420	
	AK1	5,140,523	08/1992	Frankel et al.	364	420	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	AM1	01-259488	10/1989	JP	G07G	1/12	
	AN1	02-268396	11/1990	JP	G07G	1/14	
	AO1	02-299059	12/1990	JP	G06F	15/20	
	AP1	04-077896	03/1992	JP	G07G	1/12	

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AR	1	Banham, R., "Reinsurers Seek Relief in Computer Predictions", August 1993, pp. 14-16, 18-19, XP002082269, p. 14, col. 1, line 1, col. 2, line 29.				
	AS	1	Best, D.L. and Pryor, S.P., <i>Air Weather Service Model Output Statistics System Project Report</i> , United States Air Force, Entire Report submitted (October 1983).				
	AT	1	Brennan, P.J., "Portfolio Managers Weather Global Risk Management Challenge," <i>Wall Street Computer Review</i> , Dealer's Digest, pp. 20-22, 24, 54 and 56 (October 1989).				

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	AB2	5,189,606	02/1993	Burns et al.	364	401	
	AC2	5,208,665	05/1993	McCalley et al.	358	86	
	AD2	5,237,496	08/1993	Kagami et al.	364	401	RECEIVED SEP 29 2003
	AE2	5,250,941	10/1993	McGregor et al.	340	825/63	
	AF2	5,253,165	10/1993	Leiseca et al.	364	407	
	AG2	5,283,865	02/1994	Johnson	395	161	
	AH2	5,295,064	03/1994	Malec et al.	364	401	
	AI2	5,295,069	03/1994	Hersey et al.	364	419.17	
	AJ2	5,309,355	05/1994	Lockwood	364	401	
	AK2	5,377,095	12/1994	Maeda et al.	364	401	

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	AN2	05-189406	07/1993	JP	G06F	15/20	
	AO2	06-076161	03/1994	JP	G07G	1/06	
	AP2	06-149833	05/1994	JP	G06F	15/21	

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	AR	2	Cave, T., "Weather Service Is A Boon To System Dispatchers," <i>Transmission & Distribution</i> , Intertec, pp. 165-166 and 168-169 (August 1991).				
	AS	2	<i>Demand Modeling & Forecasting System Product Description</i> , Printed from DIALOG File No. 256, 1 page (August 1984 - Product Release Date).				
	AT	2	<i>Down to Earth Sales Analysis 3.1 Product Description</i> , Printed from DIALOG File No. 256, 1 page (April 1989 - Product Release Date).				

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AA3		5,491,629	02/1996	Fox et al.	364	20	RECEIVED
AB3		5,521,813	05/1996	Fox et al.	364	401	SEP 29 2003
AC3		5,796,932	08/1998	Fox et al.	395	161	GROUP 3600
AD3		5,832,456	11/1998	Fox et al.	705	10	
AE3		6,021,402	02/2000	Takriti	705	412	
AF3		6,418,417	07/2002	Corby et al.	705	35	
AG3		6,584,447	06/2003	Fox et al.	705	10	
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AR	3	Ehrenberg, A.S.C. et al., "The After-Effects of Price-Related Consumer Promotions", <i>Journal of Advertising Research</i> , Advertising Research Foundation, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 11-21 (July/August 1994).				
AS	3	Engle, R.F. et al., "Modelling Peak Electricity Demand", <i>Journal of Forecasting</i> , John Wiley & Sons, Vol. 11, No. 3, pp. 241-251 (April 1992).				
AT	3	Gotschall, Mary G., "Bullish on weather," <i>Electric Perspectives</i> , Washington, Vol. 23, No. 5, p. 30, 8 pgs (September/October 1998).				

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AR	4	Hunter, R., "Forecast for Weather Derivatives: Hot Derivatives Strategy," May 1999, pp. 1-6, XP002133864, as printed from http://derivatives.com/magazine/arrive/1998/0598feal.asp p. 1, line 1--p. 6, line 9.
AS	4	Hurrell, M., "The Weather Business," <i>Intercity</i> , pp. 29, 31 and 32 (February 1991).
AT	4	IMREX Demand Forecasting System Product Description, Printed from DIALOG File No. 256, 1 page (1984 - Product Release Date).

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